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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 5/1

Coordination of the Foreign Clandestine Collection Activities
of the Armed Services with Those of the Central Intelligence Agency
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Pursuant to the provisions of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, and for the purpose of defining under NSCID No. 5, those clandestine collection activities which the Armed Services conduct in order to carry out their responsibilities and assigned missions, and to protect the security of their foreign based military commands or installations, and for the purpose of coordinating such activities with those of the Central Intelligence Agency (except in areas where United States armed forces are engaged in active combat operations, in which event the provisions of paragraph 10 of NSCID #5 shall be deemed applicable), the following is established:

1. Where United States military commands or installations are located outside of the United States and its possessions, the commanders thereof may conduct such foreign clandestine collection activities as they deem essential to the execution of their assigned missions, in accordance with the principles and procedures set forth hereinafter.
2. Review and coordination of plans for the clandestine collection activities of the Armed Services and plans of the Central Intelligence Agency for the clandestine collection of information of interest to the Armed Services will be accomplished with each service to the extent practicable at the national level.
3. In order to assure field coordination of clandestine collection activities, the designated representatives of the military commanders concerned and of the Director of Central Intelligence will review together all such activities of those military commanders, as well as the operational plans and procedures therefor. They will also review together those clandestine collection activities of the Central Intelligence Agency which are undertaken in direct support of

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the military commanders concerned. Coordination may involve the creation and utilization of common support facilities, the exchange of operational information, and the establishment of informal committees.*

4. In the event that the designated representative of the Director of Central Intelligence considers an activity, plan or agent to be potentially harmful to the over-all clandestine effort, the proposed action will not be carried out except as provided in paragraph 5 below, without prior approval resulting from agreement between the appropriate military service intelligence chief and the Director of Central Intelligence.

5. In those instances when the military commander considers the action proposed in paragraph 4 above to be essential to the immediate conduct of his mission or critical to the security of his forces, and time does not permit referral of the issue to Washington, the action may proceed on the responsibility of the military commander, pending resolution in Washington. The military commander will inform the designated representative of the Director of Central Intelligence as to his action.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director of Central Intelligence

* Upon the issuance of this Directive, a systematic review and adjustment, where necessary, of going operations will be made in the field in conformity with the provisions of this Directive.

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